

## **Handout #2: NoVA and D.C Metro Area Forums most relevant to SaMS**

### **SaMS Government Coordination Workgroup**

#### **NoVA Forums**

- NoVA Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs): NVRC convenes
  - NoVA CAO's were briefed (abbreviated) on SaMS at their March 2019 meeting.
  - To the extent that SaMS implementation may require additional funding resources, and especially any collaborative funding, additional discussions with the CAO's will be valuable.
- Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners (MS4 Workgroup): NVRC convenes
  - This group met in Summer, 2019 to discuss relevance of SaMS to MS4 permits, and there have been subsequent informal discussions.
  - As current MS4 permits approach their renewal dates, continued coordination among local area MS4 permittees will be valuable.
  - This forum may be interested to support consolidated area government *training*, and other SaMS *implementation efforts* that are best *done collaboratively*.
- Potomac River Roundtable: administered by NV-SWCD
  - The Roundtable sponsored a "Green Breakfast" in 2018, and has organized another for January 2020.
  - The NV-SWCD hosted Potomac Roundtable quarterly meetings also provide an opportunity to discuss and support SaMS implementation with a broad set of stakeholders.
- Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Subcommittee: DEQ/OWMP convenes.
  - The past several meetings have included discussion of SaMS, and the subcommittee provides an opportunity to ensure member organizations are current on SaMS implementation efforts.
  - The subcommittee focuses primarily on technical and scientific information, and could serve to advance understanding and action planning in those aspects of SaMS, including the *WQ Monitoring and Research workgroup recommendations*.
- NoVA Communications Forum?: is there a dedicated communications forum that could support SaMS public engagement efforts?

#### **D.C. Metro Area Forums**

- Chesapeake Bay & Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC), chaired by MW-COG
  - Meets bi-monthly, with elected officials, utilities and technical staff membership/participation.
  - Winter salts were a primary topic of their May 2019 meeting and the committee has a high level of interest to support SaMS during its implementation.
- Water Resources Technical Committee (WRTC), chaired by MW-COG
  - Meets bi-monthly; members include stormwater technical staff and wastewater utility staff.
  - Subcommittee on WQ Monitoring has identified winter salts as an issue of significant interest. This forum plans quarterly meetings in 2020 and could be a prime opportunity to support *SaMS WQ monitoring and research recommendations*.
- Potomac River Basin Drinking Water Source Protection Partnership, coordinated by ICPRB
  - Meets quarterly; members are government agencies and water utilities.

- Informal and formal coordination among water utilities on the issue of winter salts is already well established and will likely continue into the future.
- This forum would likely have great interest to support SaMS implementation efforts, including data collection/sharing and public education/awareness, and may have interest/ability to provide funding support for selected activities to support SaMS implementation.
- COG Salt Procurement Contract Vehicle
  - COG coordinates/administers consolidated purchasing for bulk salts used for transportation (managed by Montgomery County) and property management (COG manages directly) purposes.
  - Can provide limited historical data to support *salt tracking recommendations*, and can consider adding selected *non-chloride deicers* to its shared services contract in the future.
- COG Snow Call Coordination:
  - This forum coordination in advance of winter storms.
  - Does it have potential to support SaMS implementation beyond its current focus?
- COG Drinking Water Workgroup: is this group active? Does it overlap or have independent role relative to PR Basin DW Source Protection Partnership?

### Additional Forums/Events

- **Potomac Watershed Partnership** is a collaborative effort among federal, state, and local partners to restore the health of the land and waters of the Potomac River Basin, thereby enhancing the quality of life and overall health of the Chesapeake Bay. It is coordinated by the Cacapon Institute. Hosts information exchanges usually on an annual basis.
- **Chesapeake Bay Program/Local Government Advisory Group and Communications Workgroup:** potential forums for additional government engagement and communications, share our information/messaging for feedback with wider audience and learn of others salt management activities.
- **“Friends of...” Groups in Fairfax County:** there are many established groups that can help foster increased citizen engagement in support of SaMS implementation. Fairfax County will compile a listing of active groups.
- **VDOT Roadeo/Incident Management Training:** VDOT holds district-specific and a state-wide training event every year (with winter maintenance components). Many NoVA local governments hold similar events, and there is interest to explore partnering with VDOT to hold a multi-jurisdictional event in northern Virginia. VDOT’s existing Roadeo is an internal event, and has an important internal team-building function. Another VDOT-led event, on Incident Management, may be a more appropriate opportunity to create a multi-jurisdictional event to share winter maintenance experiences.
- **NoVA Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meetings:** the several SWCDs in the SaMS project area all have Board meetings that may present opportunities to increase awareness of increased salinity levels associated with winter maintenance activities, and lay groundwork for SWCD support for SaMS implementation.
- **VAMSA:** The Virginia Municipal Stormwater Association has over 70 member local governments and stormwater consulting firms. They are a statewide audience who would likely have significant interest in SaMS.
- **Chesapeake Stormwater Network Urban Stormwater Group-** probably similar in audience to some other NoVA forums, but with broader geographic reach
- **Fairfax County Fall for Fairfax** – this large event is held every October at the Fairfax County Government Center, and provides many opportunities for public education and outreach.
- **Fairfax County farmers markets** – Clean Fairfax Council often hosts booths providing education and outreach at the markets

- **Master Gardener and Master Naturalist groups**- these both have very active members and networks, with strong environmental ethic that could support SaMS goals.